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CSC-1. What is ISO-NE's preference: the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Project (MMP) or MMP Variation (MMP-V)? Please explain.

Response: ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") has no preference at this time. The MMP is part of the New England East West ("NEEWS") project. NEEWS consists of four components: the Greater Springfield Reliability Project ("GSRP"), the Rhode Island Reliability Project ("RIRP"), the Interstate Reliability Project ("IRP") and the Central Connecticut Reliability Project ("CCRP"). MMP was selected by Northeast Utilities and National Grid as part of the overall NEEWS transmission solution.

Currently, the ISO is performing a full assessment of the need and timing for the IRP and the CCRP, based on the latest forecast, system changes, and new resources in the Forward Capacity Market. The MMP-V upgrade is being evaluated as part of that process. A determination is not expected to be presented until the July or August Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

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CSC-2: Given the record in Council Docket No. 370 and testimony by the applicant in Council Docket No. 370A, is there any material question as to whether MMP-V would qualify for regional cost support?

Response: The ISO Tariff provides for regional funding of projects that are determined through the regional transmission planning process to meet reliability needs. Transmission Owners seeking regional cost recovery are required to submit a Transmission Cost Allocation (“TCA”) application to the ISO which is reviewed for costs that will be excluded from regional funding. While the “Reliability Analyses of Comparing the MMP to the MMP-V” study submitted by the applicant in this docket indicates benefits to the MMP-V upgrade such as the likely elimination of the need for the Ludlow capacitor installation, the applicant has not submitted a TCA application for the project. The ISO cannot make a determination for regional funding until the applicant submits a TCA application in accordance with the ISO Tariff and procedures.

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CSC-3: Have formal steps been taken to confirm that MMP-V would qualify for regionalization? If not, why not?

Response: No formal steps have been taken as of this time. Please see response to data request 2 above.